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MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT YIELD DOWN FROM RECORD HIGH

Minnesota’s **SPRING WHEAT** yield at 41.0 bushels per acre is down 14 bushels from last year’s yield of 55 bushels per acre, according to the USDA, NASS, MN Field Office. Spring wheat production at 70.9 million bushels is down 20 percent from 2004. Spring wheat acres harvested for grain is 1.73 million acres, up 120,000 acres from last year. Acres planted is 1.8 million acres.

**WINTER WHEAT** production at 540,000 bushels is down 46 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain in 2005 is 15,000 compared to 25,000 acres in 2004. Yield at 36.0 bushels per acre is down 4 bushels from 2004.

**OAT** production is estimated at 12.7 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain in 2005 is 205,000, up 15,000 acres from 2004. The yield at 62.0 bushels per acre is down 8 bushels from last year.

**BARLEY** production of 3.9 million bushels is down 51 percent from last year. Barley harvested is 90,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from last year. Acres planted in 2005 is 125,000. Yield at 43.0 bushels per acre is down 25 bushels from 2004.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**ALL WHEAT** production totaled 2.10 billion bushels in 2005, down 3 percent from the last forecast and 3 percent below 2004. Grain area is 50.0 million acres, down fractionally from last year. The U.S. yield is 42.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel below the August forecast and down 1.2 bushels from a year ago. The level of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, down slightly; other spring wheat, 504 million bushels, down 11 percent; durum wheat, 100 million bushels, up 11 percent.

**OAT** production is estimated at 115 million bushels, 10 percent below the August 1 forecast and 1 percent below last year’s 116 million bushels. The estimated yield is 63.1 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from August and also down 1.6 bushels from a year ago. Compared with last year, yields declined in all States except for those in the Southeast, central and northern Great Plains, and the middle Mississippi Valley. Harvested area is 1.82 million acres, 8 percent below the August 1 forecast but 2 percent above last year.

**BARLEY** production is estimated at 212 million bushels, down 10 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 24 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 64.8 bushels, is down 3.4 bushels from the previous forecast and 4.8 bushels below 2004. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.28 million acres, down 6 percent from August and 19 percent below a year ago. Area harvested for grain is the lowest since 1890, while production is the lowest since 1936. Area planted, area harvested, and production are down from last year in the 13 largest-producing States. However, the U.S. yield is the second highest on record and the yield for Colorado and Maryland are at record highs.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

| COMMODITY         | 2004<br>HARVESTED<br>ACRES<br>(000) | 2005<br>HARVESTED<br>ACRES<br>(000) | 2004<br>YIELD | 2005<br>YIELD | 2004<br>PRODUCTION<br>(000) | 2005<br>PRODUCTION<br>(000) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MINNESOTA         |                                     |                                     |               |               |                             |                             |
| SPRING WHEAT (Bu) | 1,610                               | 1,730                               | 55.0          | 41.0          | 88,550                      | 70,930                      |
| WINTER WHEAT (Bu) | 25                                  | 15                                  | 40.0          | 36.0          | 1,000                       | 540                         |
| BARLEY (Bu)       | 115                                 | 90                                  | 68.0          | 43.0          | 7,820                       | 3,870                       |
| OATS (Bu)         | 190                                 | 205                                 | 70.0          | 62.0          | 13,300                      | 12,710                      |
| UNITED STATES     |                                     |                                     |               |               |                             |                             |
| SPRING WHEAT (Bu) | 13,174                              | 13,609                              | 43.2          | 37.1          | 568,918                     | 504,456                     |
| WINTER WHEAT (Bu) | 34,462                              | 33,680                              | 43.5          | 44.4          | 1,499,434                   | 1,493,769                   |
| BARLEY (Bu)       | 4,021                               | 3,276                               | 69.6          | 64.8          | 279,743                     | 212,196                     |
| OATS (Bu)         | 1,787                               | 1,823                               | 64.7          | 63.1          | 115,695                     | 115,002                     |